

ABSTRACT

An apparatus adapted for applying a material from a roll to a surface, such as tape to a seam formed by abutting edges of adjacent wall board sheets, includes a frame for rotatably supporting the roll of material at a location remote from a user. The frame has an opening through which material may be dispensed from the roll, and a roller is carried by the frame adjacent the opening for pressing material dispensed through the opening from the rotatably-supported roll against a desired surface. A brake is also supported by the frame for applying a braking force to the rotatably-supported roll of material, thereby preventing material from being dispensed through the opening from the roll as desired. An elongated handle is also connected to the frame, and an actuator is connected to the elongated handle opposite the frame for remotely actuating the brake. In one embodiment, the apparatus further includes a cutting member, also actuated by the actuator, having a cutting edge for cutting material dispensed through the opening from the rotatably-supported roll.